



Proclamation

WHEREAS, regular blood donations are a critical resource for local hospitals and health systems to provide lifesaving care for their communities and only 3% of the eligible US population donates blood each year; and

WHEREAS, the month of January historically is a period of critical blood shortages. Blood centers like Bloodworks Northwest continue to face a decline in donor turnout during the holidays, with many donors falling ill during cold and flu season; and

WHEREAS, on December 31st, 1969, the president of the United States, Richard Nixon, signed a proclamation designating January as National Blood Donor Month. This observance is meant to honor voluntary blood donors and to encourage more people to give blood; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Bloodworks Northwest is saving lives through research, innovation, education, and excellence in blood, medical, and laboratory services in partnership with our community. As part of this mission, Bloodworks Northwest supplies 95 percent of the Pacific Northwest's blood; and

WHEREAS, the Legacy Meridian Park Medical Center has partnered with Bloodworks Northwest to provide pop-up blood donation opportunities where the community can give blood throughout the year to support local patients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, Oregon that January 2025 is Blood Donor Month. We encourage all residents to give back by donating, volunteering, or giving blood. This lifesaving work is vital to a strengthening our community's resilience.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January, 2025.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____
City Recorder

